

## **INFORMATION BULLETIN**

## WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT

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TO: WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY

SUBJECT: HEALTH CARE AND BIOTECHNOLOGY GRANTS AWARDED

On Tuesday, June 7, 2005, U.S. Secretary of Labor Elaine Chao announced the award of 12 health care and biotechnology training grants. More than \$12 million is being awarded nationwide to address opportunities to build a world-class health care and biotechnology workforce. Nearly 230 applicants competed for funding under the President's High Growth Job Training Initiative.

Grants were awarded in Arizona, California, Florida, Indiana, Michigan, New York, South Carolina, Texas, Utah, and Wisconsin. Of the 12 grants awarded, four will fund projects in biotechnology industry training, six will fund health care industry training, and two projects will provide cross-industry training. A summary of the funded projects is online at:

www.workforceatm.org/articles/template.cfm?results art filename=biotech.htm

Congratulations to the City of Los Angeles Community Development Department and to the Orange County Workforce Investment Board for their successful grant applications. I encourage all local workforce investment areas to work with these two awardees in ensuring their continued success as they carry out their projects.

If you have any questions regarding this bulletin, please contact your <u>Regional Advisor</u> at (916) 653-6347.

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